

IT IS FINISHED, BUT GOD IS NOT DONE

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4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” **6** So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” **7** He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

There is a question asked that the Disciples wanted to know the answer to...

Vs. 6 “So when they had come together, **they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”**

I. For those who believe that God is finished with the people and nation of the Jews; I see here that is not going to happen.

Listen to this my friend, - **God’s promises to His people are without end.**

Look at Romans 11:1-8

II. We find Paul explaining why Israel is not saved - yet needs to be saved.

Genesis 12:1-3

Ephesians 3:6

Malachi 3:6.

Genesis 17:7

Exodus 6:5

Jeremiah 31:35-37

So, here is the answer... Acts 1:7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

III. **When should be the time**, the day, and hour of the coming of the son of man, when he shall set up his kingdom in a more glorious manner, and the kingdoms of this world shall become his; or when the kingdom shall be restored to Israel.

Jesus simply said, **“that is none of your concern**

The times and season is of the LORD and not man.

Matthew 24:36-39

The real concern that we must consider is, “Where will you spend eternity?”

IV. Now we come to verse 8 and Jesus is telling us all;

Vs. 8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

But ye shall receive power - Luke 24:49

Power - dunamis (doo'-nam-is) strength, ability, might

This power is not me but that which is given to me by God.

The ability to accomplish all that the Lord would have us to do.

- a. Holy Ghost - pneuma (pnyoo'-mah) Holy breath of God. The third person of God!
- b. Upon - this means both on and in you.
- c. Witnesses - a witness, in a legal sense; in a historical sense, one who is a spectator of anything,
- d. both in Jerusalem, the "capital" of the nation, and there, in the first place, where such dwelt who had been concerned in the crucifixion of Christ, many of whom were to be called by grace, and converted through their ministry:
- e. and in all Judea; that part of the land of Israel which was distinct from Samaria and Galilee, and from beyond Jordan; where churches were to be planted, as afterwards they were.

Acts 9:31 “So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.”

- f. And in Samaria; where Christ had before forbid his disciples to go; but now their commission is enlarged, and they are sent there; and here Philip went upon the persecution raised against the church at Jerusalem, and preached Christ with great success, to the conversion of many; and hither Peter and John went to lay their hands on them, and confirm them;

Acts 8:5 “Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ.

Romans 10:18 “But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for

“Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.”

Conclusion:

As Luke is giving testimony to Theophilus, He is showing him that God was not done with this world or His people.

He is not done with this land as well; if you have breath and are willing to be used of God, He will give to you the same power to accomplish His good pleasure of spreading the Great news of salvation to those who are lost.

It's Time to DO that which God has given us power to do!